



## Conflict Zone Information Bulletin

**CZIB No.:** 2017-04R2

**Issued:** 13 April 2018

**Subject:** Airspace of Iraq

### Revision / Cancellation:

This CZIB is revised to extend the validity period, and to refer to national publications. The original issue of this CZIB replaced and cancelled EASA SIB 2014-24R2 dated 23 December 2015.

### Reference Publications(s):

- United Kingdom NOTAM V0024/17 issued 12 March 2018 (see Appendix 1 of this CZIB).
- United States Federal Aviation Administration Administration KICZ NOTAM A0025/17 issued 09 December 26 February 2017 (see Appendix 2).
- AIC France Circular A06/18 issued 08 February 2018 (see Appendix 3).
- Germany NOTAM B0429/18 issued 19 March 2018 (see Appendix 4).
- Iraq CAA (see Appendix 5).

### Affected Airspace:

Iraq airspace, all altitudes.

### Applicability:

This CZIB applies to operators.

### Description:

This CZIB is issued on the basis of information available to EU Member States and EU institutions. Due to the hazardous security situation, with the presence of terrorist organisations and ongoing high intensity military operations, there is a risk of both intentional targeting and misidentification of civil aircraft.

Due to the presence of various weaponry including MANPADS (man-portable air-defence systems), it is advised to be cautious with the risk associated to civil aviation. The risk to operations at all altitudes is assessed to be HIGH, except for airways UM688 and UM860. The highest airspace risk is estimated to be along the entire Iraq/Syrian border.

Additionally, the Agency draws the attention of the aviation community to the above referenced information, copies of which are attached to this CZIB.

### Recommendation(s):

Operators should take this information and any other relevant information into account in their own risk assessments, alongside any available guidance or directions from their national authority

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as appropriate. Latest operational information on 'Closures and warnings' issued by means of ICAO State Letters, NOTAMs, AICs/AIPs, EASA CZIB may be found in the [Network Manager NOP Portal](#) (password protected version).

**Validity:**

This CZIB is valid until 13 October 2018.

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## Appendix 1

Source: [United Kingdom Notam V0024/17](#)  
[United Kingdom Aeronautical Information Service](#)

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GENERAL RULES, AMEND TXT FOR HAZARDOUS SITUATION IN IRAQ  
POTENTIAL RISK FROM DEDICATED ANTI-AVIATION WEAPONRY IN IRAQ.  
OPERATORS ARE ADVISED NOT TO ENTER THE TERRITORY AND AIRSPACE OF  
IRAQ (INCLUDING THE BAGHDAD FIR). WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ROUTING ON  
AIRWAYS UL602 TO ALPET, UM860 AND UM688 WHEN OPERATING ABOVE 25000FT  
AGL. OPERATORS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THIS INFORMATION INTO ACCOUNT IN  
THEIR OWN RISK ASSESSMENTS AND ROUTING DECISIONS. CONTACT UK  
DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT (+44) (0)20 7944 4426 OR  
(+44) (0)207 944 5999 OUT OF HOURS.  
AMEND COLUMN 6 DATE TO READ 05 DEC 17  
UK AIP ENR 1.1 SECTION 1.4 REFERS

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## Appendix 2

Source: United States Federal Aviation Administration

[KICZ NOTAM A0025/17](#) - SECURITY..UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FLIGHT PROHIBITION FOR IRAQ BAGHDAD (ORBB) FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION

KICZ A0025/17

SECURITY..UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FLIGHT PROHIBITION FOR IRAQ BAGHDAD (ORBB) FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION.

DUE TO THE HAZARDOUS SITUATION CREATED BY THE POTENTIAL FOR FIGHTING IN CERTAIN AREAS OF IRAQ AND ONGOING CONCERNS ABOUT THE EXTREMIST/MILITANT THREAT TO U.S. CIVIL AVIATION, ALL FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN THE BAGHDAD (ORBB) FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR) AT ALTITUDES BELOW FLIGHT LEVEL 260 (FL260) BY THE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A (APPLICABILITY) ARE PROHIBITED. THIS NOTAM IS AN EMERGENCY ORDER ISSUED UNDER 49 USC 40113(A) AND 46105(C).

A. APPLICABILITY.

THIS NOTAM APPLIES TO: ALL U.S. AIR CARRIERS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS; ALL PERSONS EXERCISING THE PRIVILEGES OF AN AIRMAN CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE FAA, EXCEPT SUCH PERSONS OPERATING U.S.-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT FOR A FOREIGN AIR CARRIER; AND ALL OPERATORS OF AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES, EXCEPT WHERE THE OPERATOR OF SUCH AIRCRAFT IS A FOREIGN AIR CARRIER.

B. PERMITTED OPERATIONS.

THIS NOTAM DOES NOT PROHIBIT PERSONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A (APPLICABILITY) FROM CONDUCTING FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN THE BAGHDAD FIR (ORBB) AT ALTITUDES BELOW FL260 IN EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:

- (1) THE OPERATIONS ARE AUTHORIZED EITHER BY ANOTHER AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE FAA OR BY A DEVIATION, EXEMPTION, OR OTHER AUTHORIZATION ISSUED BY THE FAA ADMINISTRATOR (OPERATORS MUST CALL THE FAA WASHINGTON OPERATIONS CENTER AT 202-267-3333 TO INITIATE COORDINATION FOR FAA AUTHORIZATION OF OPERATIONS); OR
- (2) FLIGHTS DEPARTING FROM COUNTRIES ADJACENT TO IRAQ MAY OPERATE AT ALTITUDES BELOW FL260 IN THE BAGHDAD (ORBB) FIR TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO PERMIT A CLIMB TO OR ABOVE FL260, IF THE CLIMB PERFORMANCE OF THE AIRCRAFT WILL NOT PERMIT IT TO ATTAIN FL260 PRIOR TO ENTERING THE BAGHDAD (ORBB) FIR, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY, THE

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APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF IRAQ.

OPERATORS ARE REMINDED TO ADHERE TO ALL APPLICABLE NOTAMS PUBLISHED BY THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF IRAQ WHILE OPERATING IN THE BAGHDAD (ORBB) FIR.

C. EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

IN AN EMERGENCY THAT REQUIRES IMMEDIATE DECISION AND ACTION FOR THE SAFETY OF THE FLIGHT, THE PILOT IN COMMAND OF AN AIRCRAFT MAY DEVIATE FROM THIS NOTAM TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY THAT EMERGENCY.

SFC - FL259, 09 DEC 16:00 2017 UNTIL PERM.

CREATED: 09 DEC 16:06 2017

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### Appendix 3

Source: [AIC France Circular A06/18](#)

**Iraq**

From 08/02/2018 and until further notice, French carriers are requested not to authorize their aircraft to penetrate into the airspace of Iraq (ORBB FIR (BAGHDAD)), except for routes UM860, UM688 and UL602 (between TASMI and ALPET) on which French air carriers are requested to maintain at all times a flight level above or equal to FL320.

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## Appendix 4

Source: [Germany NOTAM B0429/18](#)

B0429/18 (Issued for EDGG EDWW EDMM) - SECURITY IRAQ POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION FIR BAGHDAD ORBB.

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ADVISES GERMAN OPERATORS NOT TO PLAN AND CONDUCT FLIGHTS BELOW FL260 DUE TO HAZARDOUS SITUATION WITHIN FIR BAGHDAD (ORBB).

POTENTIAL RISK TO AVIATION OVERFLYING THIS AREA BELOW FL260 AND TAKE OFF/LANDING AT ALL AIRPORTS WITHIN FIR BAGHDAD FROM DEDICATED ANTI-AVIATION, GROUND TO GROUND WEAPONRY AND ONGOING MILITARY OPERATIONS.

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS: IN AN EMERGENCY THAT REQUIRES IMMEDIATE DECISION AND ACTION FOR THE SAFETY OF THE FLIGHT, THE PILOT IN COMMAND MAY DEVIATE FROM THIS NOTAM TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY THAT EMERGENCY.

19 MAR 20:34 2018 UNTIL 19 JUN 23:59 2018 ESTIMATED.

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Appendix 5

Source: Iraq NOTAMs canceling the international flight restrictions to Erbil and Sulaymania:

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A) ORER  
B) 1803141800  
E) NOTAM CNL.)

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E) NOTAM CNL.)

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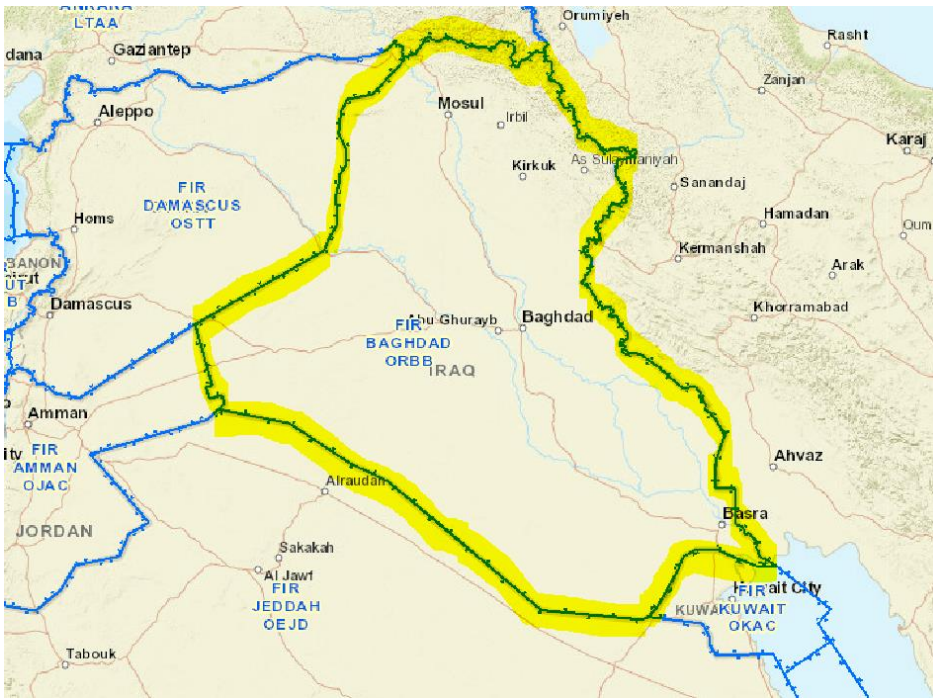
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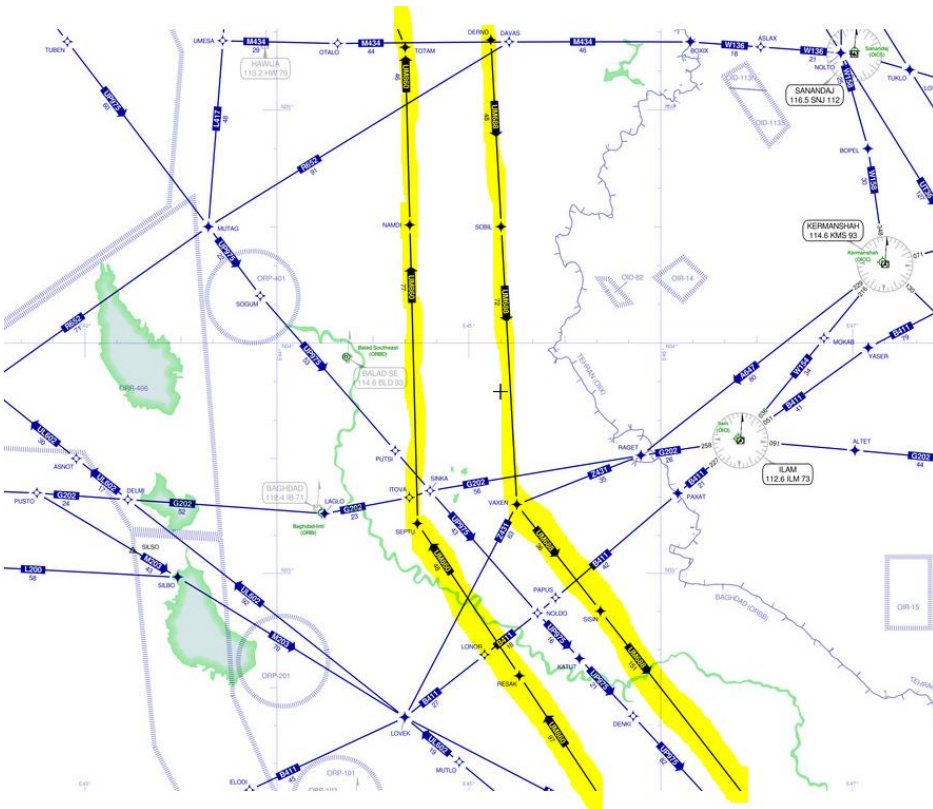


### Appendix 6

#### Geographical Area: Iraq



#### Airways UM688 /UM860 (for illustration only):



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